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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Panya Wongsenakhum, Aaron R. Fellis, Kaihan A. Ashtiani, Karl B. Levy, Juwen Gao, Joshua Collins, Junghwan Sung and Lana Hiului Chan**

For: **METHOD OF FORMING LOW-RESISTIVITY TUNGSTEN INTERCONNECTS**

Assigned to : Novellus Systems, Inc.

This application is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No.: 10/649,351, which is a Continuation-in-part of US Patent No. 6,635,965 from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

The specification has been amended to claim priority from the parent application, or such amendment is included in a separate sheet.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ 25 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ 5 Sheets of formal Drawings  
☒ 3 Pages combined Declaration and Power of Attorney - Unexecuted  
☐ Newly executed  
☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).  
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.  
☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of        Application No.        filed on  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL		MINUS	20	=	x 18 =	
INDEP.		MINUS	3	=	x 86 =	
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$770 =	
TOTAL						
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

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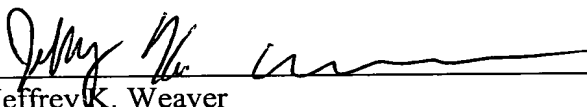
Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP096).

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